Medium"); 09/800,674 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,717 ("Monitoring and Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,803 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium of a DOCSIS 1.0 Compliant Cable Network"); 09/800,861 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium in a Carrier Network"); and 09/800,981 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium to User Classes"), each of which relates to allocating access across a shared communications medium and is similarly titled.

A marked-up copy of the replacement section showing changes from the original is attached hereto as Appendix A.

REMARKS

Applicant herein amends the present patent application by identifying by serial number and title the other seven U.S. patent applications filed concurrently with the present application and incorporated into the present application by reference when the present application was originally filed. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

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Appendix A

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This U.S. patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/205,963, which was filed on May 19, 2000, and which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also incorporates herein by reference each of seven other U.S. patent applications to McKinnon et al. filed concurrently herewith in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and respectively bearing serial numbers 09/800,155 ("Computerized Method For Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,608 ("Solicitations for Allocations of Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,674 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,717 ("Monitoring and Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium"); 09/800,803 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium of a DOCSIS 1.0 Compliant Cable Network"); 09/800,861 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium in a Carrier Network"); and 09/800,981 ("Allocating Access Across A Shared Communications Medium to User Classes") 09/___,___; 09/___,___; 09/___,___; 09/___,___; 09/___,___; 09/___,___; 09/___,___; and 09/___,___, each of which relates to allocating access across a shared communications medium and is similarly titled.